

No. 5.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend Section 3 of Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 3, of Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

"SECTION 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes, and a poll tax of one dollar on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and, in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed twenty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, as, with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year; and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts within all or any of the counties of this State, by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and may authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within such school districts for the further maintenance of public free schools and the erection of school buildings therein; provided, that two-thirds of the qualified property tax paying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year twenty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

SEC. 2. That the Governor of this State shall issue his proclamation ordering an election to be held on the second Tuesday in August A. D. 1883, at which time the foregoing amendment shall be submitted for adoption by the qualified electors of this State.

SEC. 3. That those voting for the adoption of the amendment to Section 3, shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution, school tax," and those voting against the adoption of said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the amendment to Section 3, Article 7 of the Constitution, school tax."

Approved April 7, 1883.

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No. 6.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to Article 5 of the State Constitution diminishing the number of terms of county courts.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Article 5 of the Constitution of the State shall be amended by adding thereto another section which shall read as follows:

SECTION 20. The county court shall hold at least four terms for both civil and criminal business annually as may be provided by the Legislature, or by the commissioners' court of the county under authority of law and such other terms each year as may be fixed by the commissioners court; provided the commissioners court of any county having fixed the times and number of terms of the county court shall not change the same again until the expiration of one year. Said court shall dispose of probate business either in term time or vacation under such regulation as may be prescribed by law. Prosecutions may be commenced in said courts in such manner as is or may be provided by law, and a jury therein shall consist of six men. Until otherwise provided the terms of the county court shall be held on the first Mondays in February, May, August and November and may remain in session three weeks.

SEC. 2. This amendment shall be submitted on the 2nd Tuesday in August A. D. 1883.

NOTE.--The foregoing resolution was presented to the Governor of Texas for his approval on the 13th day of April, A. D. 1883, and was not signed by him, or returned to the house in which it originated, with his objection thereto, within the time prescribed by the Constitution, and thereupon became a law without his signature.

[Signed]

JOS. W. BAINES,  
Secretary of State.

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No. 7.

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Texas to use their best efforts in behalf of such an understanding between the Government of the United States and that of the Republic of Mexico, as will establish and maintain efficient quarantine laws, to prevent the spread of infectious and epidemic diseases on the border of the two nations.

WHEREAS, the recent yellow fever epidemic on the Rio Grande border has demonstrated the necessity for additional precautionary measures to prevent the introduction of yellow fever into Texas, and the fact that small pox has obtained such a foothold in the border districts of Mexico, as make it almost impossible to protect our people from its ravages unless measures are adopted by that government to hold it in check,

AND WHEREAS, the Republic of Mexico has no quarantine or sanitary system whatever, thereby impairing the efficiency of the quarantine laws of Texas, and from this cause owing to the constant communication existing between the two people, and the close proximity of the towns and ranches, the homes of the people of Texas residing on that border are constantly endangered, causing loss of life, injury to commerce, and expenditures of large sums of money to prevent the spread of infectious diseases on the American side of the Rio Grande; therefore:

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to urge upon the Congress of the United States the imperative necessity of such an understanding between